

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follow. Please cancel claims 1-10, 21 and 22 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing granules comprising coating a neutral core having a particle size of between 200 and 1600 μm with a layer containing a plant substance combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein the plant substance coated onto the neutral cores is in the form of a dry, soft or fluid extract, and wherein the layer containing the plant substance further comprises polyvinylpyrrolidone as a binder.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the granules are obtained by powder-coating when the plant substance is in the form of a dry extract.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the granules are obtained by coating in solution when the plant substance is in the form of a soft or fluid extract.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the fluid extract contains from 30 to 40% v/v alcohol.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein 5 to 25% by weight of organic solvents are used.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the size of the neutral core is between 950 and 1400 μm , and wherein the plant extract is dry.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the size of the neutral core is between 900 and 1250 μm , and wherein the plant extract is soft or fluid.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the percentage by mass of fluid extract used is between 15 and 25% relative to the weight of the granules.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the percentage by mass of dry extract is as high as 75% relative to the weight of the granules.

20. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein the granules are prepared in a pan or in a fluidized air bed.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)